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A Voyage to the Fijiis.

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Written for the Gazette Leaving Livouka, we proceeded round the east end of Ovalay, and anchored off Mbau-the place that then dominated over and still does rule the principal part of the group. As I have before stated in these sketches, the island on which the town was built was merely a sand excrescence of the reef, and scarcely anything grew upon it. Yet rich, extensive and fertile districts were tributary to it, and daily, whole fleets of canoes were arriving from the other islands with food, tapes, mats, etc., for the consumption of the Mbau people. In company with the captain, I spent another day and night on shore, with Thakombau. We were entertained, as may be supposed, in a princely manner, and were feasted with all the luxuries of the native cuisine. One dish, which I can never forget, and which makes my mouth water, even now, to think of it, was turtle soup, a la Fijii. It was served up in the upper shell of the turtle and consisted of the green fat, the liver cut up fine, mealy yams, well browned, and seasoned with a few red peppers. For poons, we had the shells of a mollusk that abounds on the islands, and much resembles a clam in shape. The dish was brought in smoking bot, and the chief, the captain and I, sitting cross-legged around it, enjoyed the savory mess with great gusto. The usual densert of choice fruits followed, chief among which, was a busket of unusually large and fine "ndawas," a delicious fruit, which I have heretofore

In walking about the town, early next norning-after a refreshing sleep on soft, yielding mats, beneath a spacious "tau namu," or mosquito bar-I came to the public square. Here I saw an unusual sight in those islands: A fine looking ball, a cow, and two half-grown heiters, tied to coconnut trees, each confronted with a pile of freshly cut grass and "ti" leaves. These animals, the first of the kind that had ever been brought to the islands, were looked upon with admiration and astonishment by the natives. The king had set apart a separate servant for each of these bullocks. whose duty it was to see that they were daily fed and watered. I suppose that by this time, twenty and more years having elapsed since then, the bovine species must have largely increased in the islands. If they have not, it cannot have been the fault of the climate or want of pasture.

That morning, after my stroll aroun Mban, I returned to Thakomban's hone for breakfast, and saw a singular sight: MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY The king's barber was getting his breakfast, consisting of yam and broiled fish. But what attracted my attention was the fact that the barber's hands were clasped across his knees, while the food was being put into his mouth by a young man sittin interested and amused in witnessing the process of feeding, and could not but appreciate the skillful and discriminate manner in which the feeder popped the morsels into the mouth of the hungry barber. The breakfast was wound up with a copious draught of water. But the barber's mouth must not touch the mouth of the jng. The vessel was held high up, while the drinker, with his head laid back and his mouth wide open, swallowed the fluid, as it

was poured out. Sailing from Mbau, an hour brought us to Mbiwa, the residence of my friend France-for, after several months of close intimacy, I had learned to consider this amiable young chief in the light of a friend. Here, however, we were to part, perhaps never to meet again. Before going on shore, France asked of the captain leave of absence for me for a day or two, to secompany him to his home. This was readily granted, and for two days and a night I enjoyed the hospitalities of this "gentle savage." I am sorry to say that I learned, about ten years ago, by a vessel from Syd ney, en route for California, which had touched at Livouka, that France had been treacherously killed by the people of Rabe abe, because he had become so decided "lotg"-Christianized. He was thus m loubtedly the first, but unfortunately not the only, Christian martyr of the Pijiis. The night that I staid on shore with

France, we spent in the "vale mbure"ouse of prayer-situated, as is always the case in their villages, on an eminence Here a fire is constantly kept burning, and awa drinking goes on all night, while the old men and chiefs discuss the affairs of "the nation." No females are ever allow ed to enter this sacred place, and the awa chewing was carried on in a "vale na ale wa"-woman's house-near by.

On the expiration of my leave of absence returning on board. I was detailed with others, to proceed up the river to Rewa to buy tortoise-shell, of which there was said to be a considerable quantity at that place. The Rewa river—the largest in the group is somewhat in the shape of the letter 1. speide down baving two months, one ching near Mbiwa, and the other on

the opposite side of the island, while the plied that is to make him tender." What source is forty or more miles inland. In more repulsive sight than to witness a order to escape from the heat of the sun, score of children dragging a dead body daring the long pull which was before us- through the streets of a town, bracely some sixteen miles—we did not start from banging it with clubs amidst the admirin the brig until late in the day, and it was plaudits of their fathers and mothers! sundown as we entered the river. There breeze favored us, at about ten o'clock, we were both apparently of the same agegot within a few miles of the town of Re- about fourteen-and very prettily featured. but there were many scattering hamlets their forehends. While we sat in the for several miles on either bank of the house, alongside of Charley, the girls -- the river. In passing the first of these, we per- price of whom was two whale's teeth apleces ceived that something unusual was going on. - were brought and seated just before us, The thick mangrove bushes that lined the for his examination and approval. They bank, prevented our seeing beyond them, were simply clothed with the "liku"-a narbut the light of great fires illuminated the row strip of the inner bark of the tapa background and flashed on the calm bosom tree, dyed various colors and tastefully of the river, while singing, shouts and braided. The one who sat nearest to me, laughter rang out from the village which was quite light complexioned, and had regwas hidden from sight. Resting on our ular and acquiline features, but what struck cars opposite the position of one of the me as most singular, was that her broast brightest of the fires, and which seemed exhibited a growth of hair that many grown to be within a few yards only of the river's men cannot boast of. This merely shows bank, the noise of yelling and singing was the hairy nature of the Fijii mee. almost deafening, while the monotone of 1, naturally enough, pitied the poor the war-drum rose high above the din. young creatures, torn from their homes, While we lay thus, wondering what all this their parents slain, and they themselves was about, suddenly we saw, tossed high sold as slaves to the will and the lust of a in air, just beyond the bushes, in the full foreigner. There they sat, before their blaze of the light, first a human arm, then prospective purchaser and the chief to a leg, and then a head! It was a cannibal whom they belonged-by right of capture saturnalia they were having. They had __their heads inclined and their eyes bent got an "mbacolo"-a man to be enten- upon the mat before them. They were from the spoils of Mbenga, the town which beautiful young animals. The humanity they had sucked and destroyed, and were that was originally implanted in them had making merry over it. We had a Rewa never been cultivated, and so it was dwarfman in the boat whom we were returning to ed, and indeed crushed, to that extent his home, he having been with as through-

ed, good naturedly, and merely said, "su vinnka"-it is good. We arrived at Rewa, opposite Phillips' Thaukananto's) house about eleven o'clock that night. He received us very kindly, and in a short time a smoking hot supper of pork, fish and yams, was put before us. came near turning my stomach, by remarka piece of baked man, than the best pig that ever squealed."

een in width, with a height of ten feet-I got up about sunrise the next morning and their hands clasped over them. They all faced towards the river, and seemed to me to be deeply absorbed in contemplation, for as I passed by them they spoke never a word. At the same instant, I was sensible of a delicious odor of cooked meat, which I can compare to nothing but roasted bear-meat, which I afterwards smelled and tasted in California. Proceeding to the river, I had my bath, visions meantime passing through my mind-incited by the smell of cookery which had crossed my olfactories-of a good breakfast in store. As I returned towards the house, I walked up face to face with the four men, who were still sitting on the sand in the same positions in which I had first seen them. On drawing near, what was my horror to perceive that they were dead, yet warm from the oven, and that the delicious odor that had excited my appetite for breakfast, had proceeded from their smoking hot bodies! I almost fainted, got sick at the stomach, and running out of sight of the horrid objects, vomited as though I had perceived my plight, and at once divining the cause, ordered the "mbacolos"-men to be esten-to be removed.

couple of bananas, the mate and myself started for a walk to Charley Pickering's house. In going there, we had to puss the public square, on one side of which his majesty's residence, squatted in the same positions in which I had first seen Mbenga men, apparently looking at us with glazed and leaden eyes. As we crossed lanes leading into the square issued a growd of boys, of all ages, from three or four years up to thirteen or fourteen, dragging after them the dead body of a man, to the legs of which was attached a rope Some, armed with clubs, were running behind, and every now and then struck the body about the shoulders and thighs. I said to Phillips, who accompanied us, "Why beat the dead man?" "Oh," he re-

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When we arrived at Charley Pickering's was a piece of a moon, and the river, though house, we found him in treaty with Nangunot more than twenty yards wide, was deep riungie, (Shark's Tooth) one of the king's and without obstructions, but winding. brothers, for a couple of young Mbenga Alternately rowing and sailing, as the girls, captives in the late raid. They wa. The town was a close collection of with long, and almost sandy colored locks bouses, of about half the size of Honolulu, of hair, which hung down on each side of

out the cruise, and had always appeared to the tact of an angel to bring again to life be a quiet, well-disposed fellow. As we the heaven-born spark which we designate pulled away towards the town, I expressed as "mind."

to him the horror with which such scenes The bargain was soon concluded, Charwere viewed by the foreigner. He laugh- lev giving the chief some gun-flints in addition to the whales'-teeth, and the two girls were sent to the "harem," in the rear of the main house, and confided to the care of the "marama"-matron of the establish-

Nangariungio, after taking a dose of awa, then entertained us with an account of his I confess that I looked with a good deal of expedition to Mbenga. As usual with the aspicion on the viands, for I could not for- the Fijli fights, it was a case of treachery get that I was among cannibals, and thought and stratagem. Seeding first a whale's it possible that they might attempt to tooth to the people of Mbenga, with an sanggle on as some of their horrible food. invitation to them to go on a fishing expe-But it was veritable pork, and I managed dition for biche-le-mer, which it was preto make a hearty supper, though Phillips tended was about being planned from Re wa, the war party crept upon the town at ing, in good English, "I would rather have night, when they knew that the chiefs were in consultation in the "vale mbule," and the major part of the men, women and After a refreshing sleep under a spacious | children asleep. Taken thus unawares, the mosquito bar-about twenty feet long by populace fell an easy prey to their assailmen, sitting on the sand in a row, in the lately happy and flourishing town of Mbenusual native style, their knees drawn up, ga, like that of Muthunta, on the other

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Murder Will Out.

The following account of a mysternal murder, committed seventeen years ago, and the recent discovery of the murderer, is given by the London Desig News. It would furnish a wonderful theme for elaboration as a sensational novel of the period:

The lapse of seventeen years and a half has not erased from the recollection of the inhabitants of the city of Norwich the frightful sensation which they experienced in the year of the Great Exhibition. On saturday, the 21st of June, 1851, a young man named Johnson was out walking in a lane about a mile from Norwich, accompanied by his dog. The dog was ranging a neighboring plantation and found there a piece of carriou, which he immediately ran home. On Johnson's arr wy at a home, he was horrified to see that the piece of feesh the animal had found was human hand. He at once gave notice to it police, and the plantation was thorough scarched, and acceral other pieces of fiesh hot were found. Next day a foot was found the plantation, and some of the vertebra we helden in a sawpit. A bi-

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